



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

March 19, 2015

Thomas Kearns
Travelers Insurance Company
P.O. Box 211
Lowell, MI 49331

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-R9-2015-002627

Dear Mr. Kearns:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request regarding certain documents related to the Homestake Mining Company and the Mac #1, Mac #2, Black Jack #1 and Black Jack #2 uranium mines on the Navajo Nation.

Posted on FOIAonline you will find copies of the documents responsive to your request. The material includes mining leases, production records, the Administrative Order on Consent between Homestake Mining Corporation and EPA, the Scope of Work for the Administrative Order, and the Site Screening Reports performed by EPA's contractor.

We are unable to provide you with portions of documents, which have been determined to be exempt from mandatory disclosure by virtue of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2) and (4). These portions of documents exempt from mandatory disclosure have been redacted. Specifically, the redacted portions of the documents contain information that has been claimed as confidential business information or contain information where there is a significant privacy interest, including names of individuals, lease amounts and royalty amounts.

You may appeal this partial denial to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal may include as much or as little related information as you wish, as long as it clearly identifies the determination being appealed and includes the assigned FOIA request number - EPA-R9-2015-002627). For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Please contact Mark Ripperda at (415) 972-3028, or for legal issues, Rebekah Reynolds at (415) 972-3916, should you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Enrique Manzanilla', with a stylized, flowing script.

Enrique Manzanilla
Director, Superfund Division